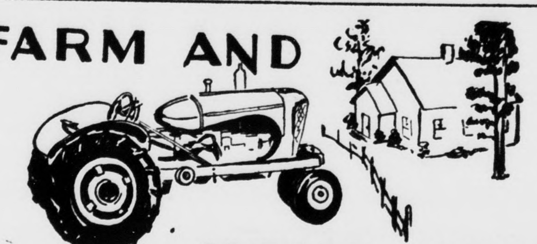
FARM AND HOME NEWS



Sheep Research

The question many times asked by sheep men is, how heavily can pastures be stocked with sheep when they are the only livestock carried. Some tests are now in progress to determine how many sheep can be carried on a pasture and for how long when they are the only livestock on the farm. This experiment is being carried out at the Glade Spring Sub-Station in Southwest Virginia. The tests will become intensive next spring with the production of lambs from improved pastures. There will be two pastures used in these trials, one being the bluegrass, white clover and ladino, orchard grass. Continues grazing and rotational grazing will both be tried. Particular attention, of course, will be paid to the control, that is, of internal parasites and foot-rot. These two conditions are, perhaps, the most serious of all sheep problems.

In addition to this, tests will be carried on to evaluate Hampshire and Suffolk rams when bred to Western ewes. They have a ewe flock at Glade Spring which consists of 30 Northwest (Hampshire X Rembuilette) and 30 Texas (Suffolk X Rambuilette) ewes. These two kinds of Western ewes are generally considered to be the most popular in the state. The question is to determine whether to breed these ewes to a ram of the same breed or to a ram of a different breed. This is a question, of course, frequently asked. Results will be available within the next few years with the answer to these questions.

Insect Research

Tests are now under way to get additional information on the life history of the common species of cattle lice, warbles, and the horn fly. This is the first research project in Virginia dealing with livestock insects. This test, of course, will include control, use of chemical insecticides, and evaluation of losses. Research in many states has clearly shown that gains in beef cattle weights and increased production in dairy animals result when insects are controlled. In the past decade there has been a substantial increase in the number and value of cattle grown in Virginia. At present Virginia is reported to have 1,328,000 head with an estimated value of $111,942,000. In 1945 there were 1,066,00 head of cattle at an estimated value of $70,463,000.

Poultry Feeders

Some research work carried on in Maine says that excellent results can be obtained from feeding chickens with either the round or trough feeders. There was little difference from the second to the tenth week from the two types in respect to average weight in the use of feed cost per pound of broiler, and per cent of mortality.

However, observations with hanging or tube hoppers compared to trough hoppers indicated the following advantages for the tube hoppers: easier to keep the feed clean, since hopper heights are esaily regulated by a pull cord; only one type of hopper was necessary from start to finish; easier to get good hopper distribution throughout the pen; and, of course, less tendency to over-fill the hoppers; then, too, the tube hopper takes up only one-third flood space needed for the trough hopper.

Sufficient Irrigation

If you are planning to irrigate you will want to make sure that the following conditions are met: That you have an adequate supply of water, and be sure of your right use of it.

Irrigate the most productive soils first. Irrigate the most responsive and high-return crops. Use recommended varieties. Follow recommended fertilization practices, planting rates, cultural practices, and, of course, insect and disease control.

Irrigation, in itself, is no magic way to have an abundant crop. Efficient irrigation depends on many factors. It is a way to provide water to land at a time when it is needed, however, when the soil is capable of producing high yields, and water can be made available in needed amounts, then irrigation comes into its own.

Farm Wiring

From the standpoint of economy, it is better to install enough wire of the proper size in the beginning than to try to add and remodel, as farm and home uses grow. Best results come when you know how much electricity you expect to use, and where you will use it. The need for wire large enough for the load cannot be overemphasized. The larger the load on a small wire, the greater the loss. Wires too small to carry the load put on them can reduce the efficiency of electrical equipment as much as 25%. Whether you are wiring your farm for the first time, or bringing your present wiring up to date, insist on quality installation. Drop cords and pull switches are as out of date as a 1912 automobile. Your electrician or electric supply representative can help you in determining your wire needs and they should be contacted if you are planning to wire your farm.

Antibiotics Vs. Diseases

Diseases might be cut by one billion dollars a year when the proper antibiotic is used. Many of the important plant diseases can be prevented with cultural practices, seed treatment, and fungicidal sprays and dusts. Now for the first time there seems to be a way to cure diseased plants with some of our antibiotics. The biggest drawback, however, is the relatively high cost. However, this should become lower as manufacturing difficulties are overcome.

Some diseases apparently can be controlled. These include halo blight of beans; blight of pears and apples; bacterial spot of tomatoes and peppers; wildfire and bluemold of tobacco; seed-piece decay and blackleg of potatoes; blackrot of rutabagas; bacterial wilt of chrysanthemums. Some of the antibiotics are effective against several fungus diseases as well as the bacterial diseases; and preliminary work indicates they also inhibit certain virus diseases.

Antibiotics are quite easily used as they can be dissolved in water solutions. They are stable when mixed with other fungicides for seed-treating chemicals, and in storage. Ordinary fungicides must be applied to plant surfaces, but some antibiotics are able to move through the sap streams; they grow with the sap streams.

Tree Plantings

Virginia Forests, an organization concerned with the promotion of wood and wood products, is making a concentrated effort this year to get more trees planted in Virginia. They have a three-year program worked out for 1955, 1956 and 1957, and hope to get 75,000,000 trees planted during this period. It is hoped that 20,000,000 seedlings will be planted in 1955; 25,000,000 in 1956 and 40,000,000 in 1957. Since 1917, and through 1954, some 78,000,000 seedlings have been planted in Virginia. In 1950, there were some 1,847 manufacturing plants iin Virginia. Of this number, 42% of the total were forest industries using wood as their principal raw material; 49,800 industrial workers or 21% of the total were employed by forest industries and in 1944 more were employed than in any other industry group in the state. $189,000,000 in wages and salaries, which represented 16% of all the industrial payrolls.

Other reasons for increasing the number of trees in Virginia is that it is estimated that the population in this country will have increased to 212,000,000 people by 1975. That is a 30% increase in growth in only 20 years. Also, more people need more wood for home furniture, paper, books, bags, containers, poles, plastics, cross ties, chemical celoplane, etc. The per capital consumption of manufactured wood products in the United States is nearly 5 times the world average, which is a major index of economic development in living standards.

Water is as much a product of the forest as is lumber and pulp wood. The ever increasing population will need more water for civilian farm and industrial use. And last, but certainly not least, is the recreational phase of woodland, which includes hunting, fishing, hiking, picnicking and camping, all needed to offset the stresses and strains of modern living.

It is estimated that 650,000 acres of idle and abandoned agricultural land no longer suited for farming plus at least 350,000 acres of badly cut-over and mismanaged forest land exist in the state. This leaves 1,,000,000 acres of unproductive land that can be put to use for a useful crop if planted to trees.

If you are interested in trees for this coming year, you might like to place orders with your forester, or vocational agricultural teacher, or applications will be available here at the county agent's office. Any one of these will be glad to visit your farm and help determine sites that might make good areas for tree planting.

We always have two sides when it comes to farming. One if the cultivated crops and livestock. And the other is our forests. Forests, because of low return, usually end up on the short side. With little management effort exerted, this might be a way to put many of our abandoned fields to work to increase the value of our farms as well as to hold what soil and water we have.

Bright Tobacco

Bright tobacco growers will be interested in the following information concerning sales made in the Belts below us the first part of the 1955 marketing season. More than 12,000,000 pounds were sold on opening day on the Georgia-Florida Belt. The market averaged about $49.00. This was below last year's opening average of $52.67. 21.66% of the total sales went to Stabilization.

Three new markets were added this year in the Georgia-Florida Belt. Reports in the South Caroline Belt indicate that favorable weather conditions have prevailed over that belt since the first of July. Tobacco harvesting is moving well along with many of the tobacco growers completing the harvest job, about 80% of the crop being harvested. Reports received here reveal that the South Carolina crop should be a record breaking one. Estimates are that the crop will be 18% over last year and will approach the record of 1951 of 175,560,000 pounds.

Reports from Eastern North Carolina say that curing became general during the first two weeks in July and is now in full swing over the entire area. Early curings in the barn appear to be of excellent quality in most sections. Weather conditions have been favorable for a uniform crop of tobacco.

Tobacco growers over the five states on July 23rd voted for continued marketing quotas for another three-year period. By so d... bacco growers are ... price support for flue-cure... through 1958. 97.3% of ... cured growers voted for ... quotas. According to U. S. ... timates, the 1955 flue-cured ... estimated at 1,412,000,000 ... an increase of 7% over 19... in 1951 has flue-cured ... exceeded this prospective ...

Since all flue-cured gr... seeking to get the top d... tobacco on the wareho... there are several things ... might like to consider if ... get that top dollar. (1) K... and ripe tobaccos separ... Keep tobacco clean —... string and foreign matter ... not wet tobacco—keep in ... der for handling (4) remo... and burnt leaves from each ... Keep each lot uniform in ... length (6) In case of bun... co, when tying tobacco, k... heads small, about the si... half dollar.

In addition to maintaining ... in the July 23rd election, ... ers also voted an assessment ... per acre for a three-year p... the purpose of aiding and ... Tobacco Associates Inc., ... promotion agency.

PLANE DROPS WHEEL

Binghamton, N. Y.- An ... World Airlines plane, with ... sengers, came in for a la... struck an embankment and ... off a landing wheel. Th... bounded several times and ... about 500 feet along the ... but remained upright. O... passenger suffered minor in...

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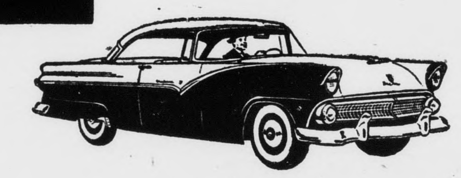

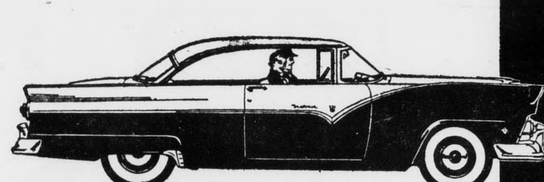

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School Plants Are Readied For Openings

By Calvin Robinson

The bulldozers were humming yesterday afternoon; workmen under the direction of Henry Pack of the school vocational agricultural department, were spreading fertilizer and readying the soil for lawn grass seed.. and, inside, custodians and janitors were polishing, cleaning, and just plain "beaming" at the new Appomattox Elementary School. We know, because "we were there," and Division Superintendent J. A. Burke happily took us on a tour of what awaits some 500 elemenetary school pupils come Sept. 6 and the opening of county public schools.

Then we had a "look-see' at Appomattox High School, and Carver-Price—and got the impression to pass on to our readers, that education is going to be well taken care of in Appomattox County this session.

Naturally, major interests rests with the new elementary school at Appomattox. An enrollment of 550 is anticipated at this new school.

Hinant-Hinant & Associates, of Lynchburg, were architects and engineers for the new elementary plant. It is a rambling one-story structure, on a sixteen-acre campus. It has sixteen classrooms,, plus library, clinic room, principal's office, teachers' lounge, cafeteria, kitchen, multi-purpose auditorium and recreation room, and a number of storage and utility rooms and central heating plant. The floors are of the new Terrazed tile, the metal-deck type roof is interspersed with skylights, is insulated and planned to reduce sound. One corridor runs for 313 feet laterally through the building. Over 2,100 books have been moved into the library, from the A. H. S. library. The plant has a communications system, operated from the principal's office. A feature is a unique wash room at the entrance to the cafeteria where dozens of children can wash their hands at the same time before eating. The cafeteria has 25 large tables and 200 chairs, enabling the student body to be fed in three shifts. The cafeteria kitchen is a modern example of compact service and equipment. The auditorium-recreation room, has 500 chairs, and a huge stage. Included in the items to be added later, is a curtain for the stage. The classroom arrangement is most attractive. The color scheme varies from room to room, depending on location and lighting.

The huge campus is being seeded to grass this week. Busses will load and unload at the front entrance. Pupils living in the Town of Appomattox may be picked up by busses coming in from the routes.

At Appomattox High School

The Appomattox High School has not been neglected in the plans for the 1955-56 session. Twenty-three classrooms will be in use. The building has a fresh coat of paint outside, with all metal and woodwork covered, as well as the roof, and the porticos. The rooms used in years past by the primary grades, have been refurbished to suit high school use. The science facilities have been doubled, and A. H. S. will offer this year the best opportunity it has ever had in biology, chemistry and general science. Other new features are a music department, with a glee club and band training. Each high school teacher will have a home-room this session. The enlargement of curriclum will await the pupils who formerly attended the Pamplin High School, which is being consolidated with A. H. S. this year.

At the Carver-Price School, a music department has been added. The school grourds have been cleared and seeded to grass. Also the home economics department has been refitted and renovated.

At Pamplin, the elementary pupils will have expanded facilities due to the withdrawal of the high school enrollment.

The public schools will open on Thursday, Sept. 8, following teacher meetings on Sept. 6 and 7.

Elizabeth Hale G. A.'s

The Elizabeth Hale G. A.'s of the Liberty Baptist Church met Monday night at the home of co-counselor, Mrs. Joyce Vaughan. Picnic supper was served by the hostess. Penny Abbitt, president, presided during the business session. Joella Ferguson presented the devotional program. Members present included: Penny and Peyton Abbitt, Joella Ferguson, Gloria Jamerson, Carolyn Mays, and co-counselor, Miss Dorothy Garrett.

Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

...there anything in the world better ... friends? People who think ... when they come across some... they know you would be interested. Take Jimmy Redding. We ... to be away when he ... by our office to leave an example of an Indian Adxe ... come across in Southwest. He happened to know that ... Indian relics, and so this ... a prize addition to my little ...

...take the case of Mrs. Clara ... of the local Natural Beauty ... Lucky person, she has just ... from a trip toMexico City, with Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Guill ... and Mrs. Dan Guill. She ... my hobbies, so when she returned she had a huge paper bag filled with souvenirs for Mother Bright... and I. Costume jewelry for ... Brightleaf, and motorcourt ... match covers and Spanish ... papers for me.

...there was a copy of the August ... of "El Norte," of Monterrey, Mexico..all in Spanish. And a ... of a Spanish lauguage newspaper from San Antonio. She also ... us decals, restaurant menus, travel guide folders, etc from ... So, take a front seat, Mrs. ... and, I say, do not forget ... Old Country Editor when you ... on those big trips!

...use putting off reporting that ... finally got in our annual visit ... Head, N. C. and the Outer ... Our scheduled date had to be ... by our fear of the Hurricane, but last week-end we had perfect weather. Quite a trip, down US ... from Norfolk, part of which we ... under a few inches of water. ... homeowners paddling rowboats ... to their doors, as the aftermath of "Connie and Diane." But ... we got to The Sea Ranch at ... Hawk, you could hardly tell ... there had been a hurricane and ... had out the welcome mat. What ... amazed us was that so many ... had stayed on all during the ... Such reports came not only ... The Sea Ranch, but from the ... First Colony Inn, and ... popular spots along the shore. They called Hurricane Connie, ... because she had teased ... so long before giving the ... blow.

...to relate, in the wake of the ... came the mosquitos. If ever ... bloodmobile runs dry, we suggest they contact some of the over... Eastern Carolina mosquitos. ... we took an all-day trip to Cape Hatteras. Part of this ... were covered by water, but we ... to get through. The shallow ... and the foaming ocean off ... form a background for one ... East's most interesting stor... The National Park Service is ... Cape Hatteras Light. There are ... villages: Rodanthe, Waves, Salvo, Buxton, Frisco, Hatteras, Ocracoke. The rambling coast... reminds one of the days of the ... Main, Edward Teach, and ... Sir Francis Drake. Ocean ... from the Gulf Stream meet ... tip of Cape Point, weaving ... of herringbone patterns with ... capped breakers, while scallop... of turf spread obliquely ... the wind-swept beaches. Near ... village of Buxton, the Outer ... are almost 3 miles across, but ... points the strip is only a ... hundred yards. We ate lunch at ... Blue Marlin, at Hatteras. A ... of pleasure craft and fishing ... were tied up at the pier. ... 1585, the first English Colony ... America was attempted on Roanoke Island, but lasted only about ... months. During a second attempt ... August 18, 1587, it became the ... of Virginia Dare, first ... of English parentage born in ... On the sandy plain at the ... nearby Kill Devil Hill, in ... two brothers, Wilbur and Orville Wright altered the pattern of ... history when they made man's ... successful flight in a power... airplane.

...and history are interwoven ... Outer Banks. Partially buried ... sands are hunks and bits ... of many a ship. One of ... that of the Carroll A. Deering ... Ocracoke Island. It was discovered stranded on Diamond ... 1921, food still in the ... but no crew aboard. The ... the crew remains unknown.

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Pamplin Meets Brookneal In League Playoffs

Pamplin will meet Brookneal in a best three of five series in the first round of the play-offs in the Patrick Henry semi-pro baseball league. The first game will be played at Charlotte Court House Friday night, August 26. This will be a Pamplin home game, and Pamplin season tickets will be valid.

The second game of the series will be palyed at Brookneal on Saturday night. Meanwhile, Henry's Mill and Altavista will be meeting in the other section of first-round play-offs.

In an exhibition game, Pamplin took a 6 to 0 win over Farmville at Farmville Saturday night. James Paulette, of Evergreen, was the winning pitcher for Pamplin.Two double plays helped Pamplin eliminate base runners.

Assessors Meet Sept. 6th To Hear Appeals

A reassessment of land and real property in Appomattox County has been completed, and the land assessors will sit at the court house on Tuesday, Sept. 6 to hear any land owner who desires to take up his new assessment.

WOODMAN NEWS

The Supreme Forest Woodman Circle, Grove 73, had its annual fellowship supper at Maude's Hot Shop August 9. After the supper the group went to Helen Lewis' where they gave her a surprise house warming. She received many nice gifts and everyone enjoyed the evening together.

Melon Feast Friday Night

Sponsored by the Appomattox Lions Club, there will be a watermelon feast Friday night, 7 to 9:30, at the Town Ball Park In event of rain, the event will be held Saturday night. Watermelon will be sold by the slice.

BROUGHT IN LARGE FRUIT

Mrs. J. T. Myers, of Route 1, sent us a fruit 8 inches in circumference from a flowering quince or Japonica. One of the largest we had seen. (Note: We did not bite into it).

RURITAN PICNIC

The Pamplin Ruritan Club held a picnic last Friday at Holliday Lake.

LAKE TO CLOSE AFTER LABOR DAY

The regular season will end at Holliday Lake after Labor Day, September 5.

IPTAY Plans Drive For New Members

The I. P. T. A. Y. Club held a business meeting last Friday night, and made plans for a membership campaign. Club members pay $10 a year, to aid the school athletic program and community recreation.

Membership cards are available from members of I. P. T. A. Y. or the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Dues are due now.

B. H. Guill, secretary and treasurer, has released the following financial report, from Sept. 1, 1954, to Aug. 25, 1955:

Receipts	
Membership dues	$ 1,120.00
Banquet proceeds	175.45
Rent and gate receipts at Ball Park	250.00
Profit at concession stand	100.00
Total receipts	1,645.45
Disbursements	
High School athletic account	500.00
Teacher for summer athletic program	500.00
Postage, stationery and printing	25.85
Material for high school float	6.35
Ball park repairs, bulbs, etc.	67.27
Electricity at Ball Park	176.40
Service charge at bank	.72
Total disbursements	1,276.59
Balance on hand	368.86

MRS. SAMUEL H. DOSS

Mrs. Lucy Smith Doss, 80, wife of Samuel Henry Doss, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Genevieve Doss, 1311 Campbell Ave., Lynchburg, at 11:35 A. M. Sunday, after an illness of two years. Born in Appomattox County, Sept. 28, 1873, she was a daughter of Elijah and Margaret Ferguson Smith. She was a member of Red Oak Baptist Church.

Surviving, in addition to her husband are the following children: Lewis L. Doss, Samuel Bernard Doss, and George Burl Doss, all of Appomattox; Finley J. Doss,, Margaret E. Doss, Mrs. Genevieve J. Doss, Mrs. Ed Kirby, all of Lynchburg; Mrs. N. E. Ferguson, of Rustburg, and Mrs. G. W. Baker, of Maryland; 33 grand children and 28 great grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Charlie Johnson, of Appomattox.

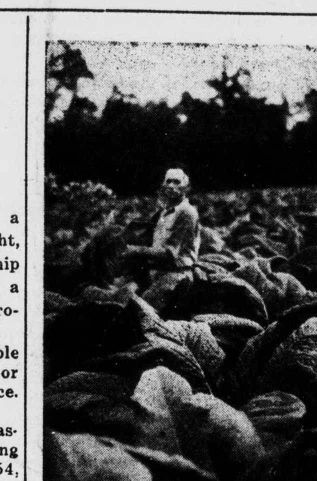
Funeral services were held at 3:30 P. M. Tuesday in Lynchburg, with burial in Springhill Cemetery.

TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Farmville, Va., Aug. 17—Dr. George W. Jeffers, head of the biology department of Longwood College, will attend the North Central Work-Conference at the University of Michigan Biological Station at Chaboygan, Mich., August 20 30.

As a member of the steering committee, Dr. Jeffers will arrive at the conference August 18 to put into effect plans made in Chicago last January.

The conference is jointly sponsored by the National Association of Biology Teachers, of which Dr. Jeffers is past president, and the American Institute of Biological Sciences. It will be financed by the National Science Foundation.



BEFORE THE BLOW — Hurricane Connie and Hurricane Diane did considerable damage to the 1,280 acres of dark-fired tobacco in Appomattox County! Before the storms, propspects were for the best crop in three years. The above photo was made just before Connie struct, and shows R. W. Covington examining a plant in the crop which he grew on the farm of Mrs. L. N. Ligon, near Pamplin.

Marshall-Caldwell Reunion Labor Day

The annual Marshall-Caldwell family reunion will be held, as is customary, on Labor Day Sunday, September 4, at the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Marshall, near Spout Spring. All family connections and friends are invited to be present and bring picnic basket. A large number usually attend this reunion, and look upon it as an occasion to meet their relatives and friends.

Mrs. Mary M. Golloday is secretary of the reunion.

Oakville Wins First Playoffs

Oakville won the play-offs for the first-half championship in the local softball league. Transco, Western Auto and Appomattox Garment Co. are playing a series for the second half title, and the winner will play Oakville for the season's crown.

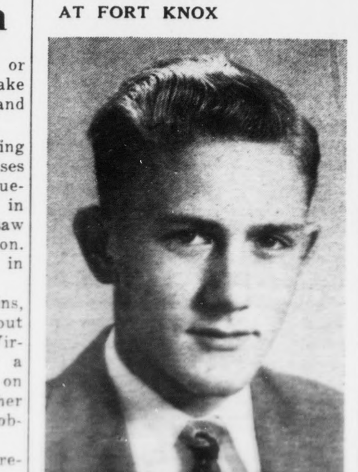
2ND SALK SHOT

Washington.- More than 1,000,000 youngsters have received their second Salk polio vaccine shots, with the South leading the way. All told, 6,500,000 first and second graders received a first shot and around 60 to 70 per cent of those children able to get a second shot have had it. A nationwide survey showed the number of polio fatalities has dropped 46 per cent below last year's level. In the key states supplying second shots, the decline has been 65 per cent.

REVIVAL MEETING AT HERMAN CHURCH

The revival meeting will begin Sunday night, August 28, at Herman Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. Aaron Smith, will conduct the services. The Martin Brothers will sing at the service Sunday night.

AT FORT KNOX



. . . . Pvt. Mayo M. Burks

Pvt. Mayo M. Burks, RA13536837, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Burks, of Route 3, is with Co. D, 83rd Recon. Bn., 3rd Armd. Div., Fort Knox, Ky.

Annual Party Of Garden Club Monday Night

The annual garden party of the Appomattox Garden Club is planned for Monday, August 29, at 4:00 P. M., in the garden of Mrs. F. C. Dresser. Serving as hostesses with Mrs. Dresser will be Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr.; Mrs. Martin Webb, Mrs. Kenneth Gregory, Mrs. M. A. Herncall, Mrs. Mitchell Lewis, Mrs. R. A. Sears, Mrs. R. C. Hubbard, Mrs. Ivey Holland and Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr. Mrs. Gregory, the program chairman, has planned an entertaining afternoon for garden club members and their guests. This party will also be in honor of new members, who will be accepted into the club at this time, and anyone desiring to join the garden club is cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Start Football Practice at AHS

Football practice got underway this week at Appomattox High School, as Coach Gordon Bragg began limbering up exercises and drills for a large squad of players. The team will undertake a rugged schedule this fall. Early indications are that the team this year will have a heavy line and stout defensive play.

ABBITT AND FENWICK TO SPEAK AT POWHATAN

Fourth District Representative W. M. Abbitt and State Senator Charles Fenwick, of Arlington, have accepted invitations to attend a Labor Day rally at Powhatan Court House. Both will speak,, following a Brunswick stew and athletic program.

LEARN THE CIVIL DEFENSE PUBLIC ACTION SIGNALS

Sirens, whistles, horns, or other similiar devices will warn you in case enemy attack is threatened. Memorize your local signals so you will know what to do instinctively.

The Alert Signal, which means attack is probable, is a stady blast of three to five minutes duration.

When you hear this, tune in on Conelrad (640 or 1240). Follow civil defense direction promptly. The alert signal will mean evacuation or mobilization of civil defense forces, depending on your location.

The Take Cover signal is a wailing tone, or a series of short blasts, of three minutes duration.

When you hear this, it indicates that attack is imminent and you must take the best available shelter. Stay in the shelter until civil defense authorities tell you that it is safe to come out.

If in doubt, switch your radio to the emergency frequencies (640 or 1240)—fast.

LIONS CLUB TONIGHT

A regular meeting of the Appomattox Lions Club will be held tonight at 6:45 at Maud's Hot Shop.

Demonstration Club Schedule

The Cheerful Dining Center will be the subject at meetings of the Home Demonstration Clubs next week. The schedule:

Wednesday, Aug. 31.- The Spout Spring Home Deomnstration Club will meet at 6:00 P. M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chap Adams. All members are invited to come and bring picnic supper. Note change in date.

Thursday, Sept. 1.- Mr. F. H. Scott, Assistant Horticulturist, V. P. I., will come to the county and with the home agent visit and score 4-H Club gardens.

Thursday, Sept. 1.- Oakville Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. Clarence Moore. Mrs. Everette Phelps will give the demonstration.

Thursday, Sept. 1.- Rocks Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. C. S. Ranson.

Friday, Sept. 2.- Country Lane Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Charlie Martin. Mrs. Twyman Coleman will give the demonstration.

Time To Think of Next Lawn

Many of next year's lawn problems can be solved now, says A. G. Smith, Jr., asociate horticulturist at V. P. I.

He points out that the growth of crabgrass and weeds next summer will depend largely on the treatment the lawn gets between now and spring.

New lawns should be seeded in western Virginia as soon after August 21 as possible. In other parts of the state the seeding may be done September 1 or later. Steps for making a good start with the new lawn, and suggestions for care of old lawns, are given in Bulletin 206, "Lawns for Virginia," available from county agents or the VPI Agricultural Ertension Service, Blacksburg.

Smith says some of the most common causes of weedy or poor lawns are: spring and early summer seeding, poor preparation of seedbed, not enough seed, applying lime where it is not needed, mixing sawdust or peat in seedbed, insufficient nitrogen or other fertilization, no mulch or too much mulch, failure to rake leaves before grass is damaged, and mowing too close.

Homeowners have been asking questions about some specific grasses for lawns. Smith says Merion bluegrass has not been satisfactory in tests at VPI, or at the Warsaw branch of VPI Experiment Station. It is not recommended for use in Virginia lawns.

Zoysia matrella, in several strains, is brown at Blacksburg from about October 1 to June 1. In eastern Virginia the strains are green over a longer period. When planted on heavily limed soil, clover and other broadleaf plants may become a problem in zoysia matrella lawns.

Bermuda U-3, and a similar wire-grass from Africa both develop a tight sod of finer texture than that of common Bermuda. The several types of Bermuda in combination with other grasses are recommended for athletic fields, playgrounds, and lawns.